GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF CCTV CAMERAS BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of recent incident of hidden cameras in Fab India showroom in Goa, the Government proposes to conduct a thorough investigation on the use of CCTV cameras by private agencies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to curb such illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): All the State Governments have been advised to put in place regulatory frame work whereby the provision of basic security features pertaining to access control and surveillance (through CCTV cameras, etc) systems, are made mandatory in respect of certain types of private establishments, such as Malls, Multiplexes, hotels, restaurants and other entertainment places, etc, where there are large footfalls and public gatherings.

Since, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through their law enforcement agencies as also for protecting the life and property of the citizens.